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Re: U. S. Patent Application No. 09/298,505, filed April 23, 1999, for METHOD FOR LINKING ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDING TO DIFFERENT PRODUCTS TOGETHER TO CREATE A GROUP, inventors: Lynn Holm-Blagg et al.

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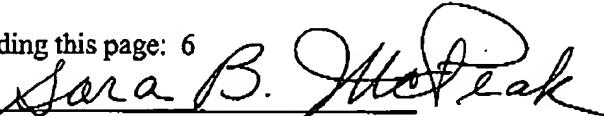
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 - 3. Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement dated May 30, 2003, (2 pages)
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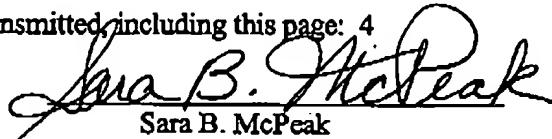
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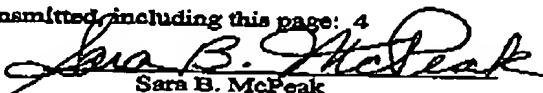
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Therefore, in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Reply, Applicants believe that claims 25, 30-34, 36-41, 45, 46, 48-53, 55, 56, and 58-62 all read on the elected Species A3.

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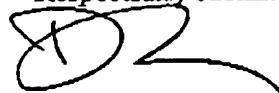
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (303) 571-4000.

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